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The Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan
U.S. House of Representatives
423 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 559 "Northern Mariana Islands Long-Term Legal Residents Relief Act" and
H.R. 560 "Northern Mariana Islands Residents Relief Act"

Dear Delegate Sablan:

We write as the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI) on behalf of our 12 hotelier members representing a majority of the hotel rooms in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

We are writing to support the passage of H.R. 559 and H.R. 560, introduced in Congress with the intent of helping to ensure the stability of the CNMI tourism economy. These bills aim to provide permanent status to workers under the humanitarian parole program and employment authorization document, as well as legal long-term employees and investors. Without the enactment of this legislation, the CNMI will lose a significant number of employees now staffing our hotels and affiliate companies that undergird the economy. This legislation would provide a permanent status to these categories of workers, most of who have legally resided and worked in the CNMI for years and help provide workforce security to businesses and investors.

Thank you for addressing this important and urgent matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at gloria.cavanagh@picsaipan.com or 1.670.989.7075.

Sincerely,

Gloria Cavanagh
Chairwoman, Board of Directors